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5A, LIBYA. Felix, DL8OBC, reports that the status of the Rhein Ruhr DX Association's upcoming operation from Libya is going to take place as planned. Thanks to the support of the Libyan ASSAKER Club. The team will leave Germany on November 21st, and expects to be on the air from Libya a few days later. Their callsign will most probably be **5A7A**, although this has not yet been officially confirmed. Outside of the CQ World Wide DX Contest, they will use two stations on all HF bands (including WARC and top band) in CW, SSB, and RTTY. They will join the contest as an Multi/Single entry to give the 5A and Zone 34 multipliers. A mailing list has been set up. While they are on the air, you will receive information about their progress and will also be able to send them information and comments. To subscribe, send a message to "majordomo@qth.net" with only the words "subscribe libya" in the message. Also, there will be an online log search available. Check out their WEB page at: <http://www.aftthd.tu-darmstadt.de/5a1a/>

9Q, EASTERN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (ex-Zaire). Peter, ON6TT/5X1T, and Mats, SM7PKK/5X1Z, will be in **Kisangani**, from **November 3-7th**. They will have some ham equipment with them and expect to be active in their evenings hours. Peters states their antennas are very low performance, but USA and EU should have no problem working them. Peter will be taking his SSTV equipment with him and will do some SSTV. Peter has asked, "Where are all the SSTV DXers?" He has indicated that he has worked about 50 stations from 5X and most of them did not really know where 5X was, and clearly were just as interested in a picture exchange. Peter states, "Where is the bulk of you SSTV DX chasers? Sometimes I call CQ SSTV for 30 minutes (both voice and video) but no reply. So I asked myself, should I bother? Motivate me!" Lastly, Peter might be in Kinshasa the week after the 9Q operation, and he is trying for the Vatican the week after that.

BZ, CHINA (China on EME!). It has been reported that the station **BY1QH** in **Beijing** has confirmed three 2-meter QSOs on EME on Saturday, October 18th, and on Sunday, October 19th. The Tsinghua University Amateur Radio Club station ran 200 watts into a 4x9-element

Yagi antenna. In the first EME experiment, David, BZ1BM, and Lars, SM0KAK, had hoped to work VE7BQH and W5UN from BY1QH, but failed. They did work into Europe and made QSOs with three SM stations. David and Lars also heard some DL, 9K and JA amateurs on EME, and are planning their second experiment shortly. If interested in working China on EME, please send your request via E-mail to David (the student president of BY1QH) at: bzibm@wg.chnmail.com

C6A, BERRY ISLANDS (BAHAMAS). Don, N5XG, will activate **NA-054** as **N5XG/C6A** on **November 22nd**. His operation will be on 15/20/40 meters CW/SSB on the normal IOTA frequencies. He suggests to check 7015 kHz at 0300z. Also, check 14260 kHz at 1300 and 1900z and 14040 kHz at 1600 and 2200z. QSL via N5XG (ex K5BDX).

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA. "The 59(9) DXReport" states Albert, **FO5JR**, will take his Christmas holiday on **Rimatara Island (OC-050)** and will be active on 40-10 meters including WARC bands, CW only.

KH2 QSL BUREAU. Jim, KH2D, KH2 QSL Bureau Manager, reports that the KH2 QSL Bureau in **Guam** is becoming a repository for a very large number of unclaimed QSL cards. A large majority of the cards received there are for 2x1 calls. The MAJORITY of extra class call signs issued for Guam are NOT issued to hams in Guam - they are issued to hams who were at one time in Guam and no longer are there, hams who came to Guam and operated for brief periods, and hams who have never been in Guam but obtained Guam callsigns via the vanity call program. Judging from the cards received at the Guam bureau, a number of hams worldwide would like to receive a card from a Guam station, but sending them via the bureau is not, in most cases, the way to accomplish obtaining a Guam QSL card. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive an additional bulletin containing Jim's press release (which is very long) and a list that will assist people in getting cards from Guam.

KH5K, KINGMAN REEF (Cancelled). Chuck, N4BQW, had to **cancel** his **KH5/N4BQW** operation because the Captain of the ship he was on stated they had run out of time and needed to get back to Christmas Island to catch the weekly plane out.

OX, GREENLAND. Kim, **OX3FV**, has been very active on **160 meters** and the WARC bands on CW. Check 17 meters around 1830z, 20 meters around 1230 and 2215z, 30 meters around 1200z, 80 meters between 0415 and 0500z and 160 meters between 0345 and 0430z. Kim reports to OPDX that the correct QSL info is via bureau or direct to: Kim Andersen, Box 3, zip 3930 Groennedal, Greenland. Meanwhile, Joergen, OZ8AE, reports to OPDX that he will be active as **OX/OZ8AE** from **Groennedal** in the southwestern part of Greenland from **November 3rd to December 1st**. In the **CQWW CW Contest**, he will be operating as a Multi/Single with Kim, OX3FV, as **OX3FV**. Most of his operation will be on CW. QSL for OX/OZ8AE go to OZ8AE direct or via bureau. The contest QSOs for OX3FV go to OX3FV.

PAKISTAN PIRATE CONTINUES. Tariq, AP2TJ, reports, "It has been confirmed by Bob/AP2JZB that he has never worked CW and has no intentions of the same either. Stations working 'AP2JZB' on CW are advised not to bother logging or QSLing, you will only be wasting your time and money as the QSL address/manager will also in all likelihood be a fake to get your IRCs or green stamps."

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **CHANGE OF ADDRESS.** Ray, **G3NOM/9M2OM**, states on November 2nd he will be leaving Malaysia and returning to the UK. He is expecting another overseas assignment, but until further notice, please forward any mail to: Ray Gerrard, c/o 37 Godward Road, New Mills, High Peak, SK12 2BU, England UK
- It is very important to note that **VI0ANARE** and **VK0ANARE** have **two totally separate QSL routes**. These two separate operations with similar callsigns were celebrating the 50th anniversary of the A.N.A.R.E.. The VI0 callsign was used from **July 1st through October 25th**. QSLs for VI0ANARE go via VK4AAR (direct):

A. Roocroft,
Post Office,
Dalveen QLD 4374
Australia

- The VK0 callsign which was used on **Macquarie Island** was active between **October 26-31st**. QSLs for VK0ANARE go via **VK1AUS** (the same for VK0TS):

Simon Trotter
POB 2063
Kambah Village ACT 2902
Australia

SPECIAL EVENT SPECIAL. The club radio station, 4U1ITU, located at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva, will operate as **4U1WRC** until **November 21st**. The special callsign is in celebration of the **1997 World Radio Conference (WRC-97)**. This station will still count for ITU HQ for DXCC. For more information check out their WEB page at: <http://www.itu.int/radioclub> QSL via bureau or direct.

SV, GREECE. The "DX News Sheet" reports that Charles, ex-S92SS, and his XYL Leslie, ex-S92YL, will be active for the next four years as **SV0LM** and **SV0LN** from northern Greece near **Thessos Island**.

TZ, MALI. If you missed Baldur, DJ6SI, as TZ6SI (QRT on October 29th), you can still work Larry, **TZ6VV**, who will be active for about the **next 6 weeks** (maybe longer) before he goes to the U.S. Larry has been heard on 21226 and 21447 kHz between 1600 and 1830z. Also, check 28424 kHz around 1515z. QSL via AA0GL.

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISALND (Update). Dan, K8RF, provided OPDX with the following **VK9LX Lord Howe Island DXpedition (November 23rd to December 1st)** update. Everything is reportedly on schedule for Nick, VK2ICV/VK9LX, and Dan's, K8RF, operation slated for the last week of November. They will be operating as a Multi/Single in the **CQ WW CW Contest** and will run two stations before the contest as much as possible. Their equipment consists of: TS-930, TS-850, MLA2500, Laptops. They will make special efforts to be on 160, 80 and 40 meters before the contest. They have a good Antenna Tuner to help get them on the WARC bands. Nick has already pre-shipped all of their antennas to Lord Howe Island. This package includes the "Battlecreek Special" on loan from W8UVZ and friends, a Triband Beam (TNX VK4FW), MLA2500 Amp, 20 Meterlong Vertical, 2" Mast for beam, Coax, Antenna Tuner, etc. They have been provided with a Laptop computer and software courtesy of DEBCO electronics. Dan would also like to thank VE7BS; NM7M and XYL; W2UE/7 and others for

their financial contributions. ANY help no matter how modest is appreciated, they heed help NOW before they leave, if possible. For details, contact Dan at: k8rf@fuse.net.

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA. Ian, **ZD9IL**, is active most days. He has been spotted on 12 meters on 24955 kHz starting around 1345z. He has also been heard on 10 meters this past week on 28490 kHz around 1445 kHz. Information from the "DX News Letter" mentions he uses a dipole and his QSL Manager is Edwin, ZS5BBO. Edwin hopes that they can find a sponsor for a new beam for Ian. Please be patient for QSL, Edwin gets the paper logs by ship three to four times a year. QSL via ZS5BBO: Edwin Musto, Box 211032, Bluff, 4036, South Africa.

ZK1XXP NORTH COOK OPERATION SUMMARY. The Dateline DX Association completed its DXpedition to **Penrhyn Atoll, North Cook** on **September 27th**. The total on-air time was 5 1/2 days with 2 stations produced 15,299 QSO's. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive an additional bulletin containing the statistics (provide by Tom, K8XP) of the operation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE! Users of the online BARF-80 BBS (Home of the OPDX Bulletin) take note, the area code has change as of August 16th. The new **440 area code** will replace the 216 area code. Currently both area codes can be used, but the 216 area code will be permanently replaced in April 1998. BARF-80 BBS online at 440-237-8208 28.8k-1200 Baud 8/N/1

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OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE):

<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html>

OPDX SPANISH WEB SITE. (provide by "QTC Magazine" and Tony Pernas, EA1CSI):
<http://www.intercom.es/qtc/qtcopdx.htm>

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